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The International Secretariat of OMCT/SOS Torture requests your **urgent** intervention in the following situation in **East Timor.**

Brief description of the situation:

According to information received from reliable sources, grave concern has been expressed to the International Secretariat for the physical and
psychological integrity of 165 East Timorese who are believed to have been arrested following riots in the town of Baucau.

Only 21 of the detainees are known. They are **Agusto Vital**, a farmer, **Aniceto, Antonio da Costa Brito**, age 21, **Bernardino de Cristo, Cesaltino Correia**, a farmer aged 22, **Celestino Mendonsa**, a farmer, **David Dias Ximenes Peloi**, a student aged 19, **Edmundo, Ernesto**, a student, **Eusebio da Concicao**, a farmer, **Ilidio dos Reis**, a farmer aged 21, **Jacinto da Costa Xavier**, a student aged 19, **Jose Moreira**, a farmer, **Marcelo da Costa**, a farmer, **Mario Moreira dos Reis**, a student aged 20, **Marselho da Lopes, Martinho Oliveira, Miguel Moreira**, a student, **Orlando Moreira**, a farmer aged 18, **Rui dos Santos**, a farmer, **Sesario Freitas**, 18, **Selestino Vital Ximenes, Tomas Guterres**, a farmer aged 24, and **142 other East Timorese.**

The riots broke out in Baucau, on 10 June 1996, 80 kilometers from Dili, the capital of East Timor. The riots, which continued until 11 June 1996, are believed to have been the result of a religious conflict between Muslims and Catholics

On 4 June 1996, a member of the ABRI (Indonesian armed forces) was seen placing a desecrated picture of the Virgin Mary on the door of a mosque in Baguia, a sub-district of Baucau. Local Timorese learned of the incident and attacked the mosque later that day.

On 10 June 1996, the Timorese youths of Baucau held a peaceful demonstration to demand the ABRI and the Government take responsibility for the 4 June incident and provoking the attack on the mosque.

The demonstration became violent when Indonesian Security forces shot at the demonstrators with what appears to have been live ammunition, instead of the plastic ammunition that Indonesian Security forces have been instructed to use since the Dili Massacre of 1991.

Three civilians were killed and two Timorese, **Martinho Oliveira** and **Marselho Lopes** were shot and seriously wounded, then arrested along with 163 other Timorese youths. 80 of the youths were held at the Baucau police headquarters, 40 were held at the district military headquarters, 25 were held at the airforce headquarters, and 20 at the military barracks.

According to an eyewitness, at least 100 of the prisoners were then transferred from Baucau to Dili and are being held at Comoro police station, Mercado police station, and Colmera Kopassus intelligence headquarters. The other prisoners are now being detained at Baucau police headquarters.

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There are allegedly no formal charges against the 165 detainees. It is alleged that some of the prisoners have been severely tortured and have broken hands and feet as a result of this torture.

Action Requested:

Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i. take the appropriate measures to guarantee at all times the physical and psychological integrity of the 165 East Timorese;

ii. order their immediate release if there are being held without valid charges, if such charges exist, bring them before an impartial and competent civilian tribunal and ensure their procedural rights at all times;

iii. Guarantee an exhaustive and impartial enquiry into the events, especially that of torture, find those responsible, bring them to trial, and apply penal, civil, and/or administrative sanctions provided by law;

iv. Guarantee at all times full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms according to national laws and international standards.

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Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of this appeal in your reply.